

The VA Western New York Healthcare System at Buffalo has established a specialized clinic for veterans with either spinal cord injury or spinal cord disease. The Spinal Cord Injury/Disease clinic is a unique health care program at this medical center. It exists to deliver the best possible outpatient medical evaluation and treatment to veterans who are at risk from the complications of spinal cord injury or disease. Experienced professionals accomplish this through expeditious, interdisciplinary assessment and management approaches as well as patient and family (caregiver) education. The veteran and family are encouraged to actively participate in all phases of the evaluation process and treatment planning. We recognize working in partnership is not only critical to the success of the clinic but also, and more important, to the well being of the veteran.

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide exceptional, accessible, outpatient based specialized health care to veterans with spinal cord injury and spinal cord disease in an effort to enhance or maintain the veteran's quality of life. The clinic will facilitate trust, ensure privacy and promote independence with emphasis on health maintenance and disease prevention. This care will be rendered in a timely and cost effective manner.

Spinal Cord Injury Spinal Cord Disease Clinic (SCI/D)

- ❖ Established as an option for veterans who elect to seek specialized outpatient care locally rather than traveling to a SCI Center
- ❖ Staffed by a core of trained professionals dedicated to providing individualized treatment specific to the SCI/D veterans needs such as:
 - Yearly physicals
 - 6 month follow-up evaluations
 - Veteran benefits counseling
 - Psychosocial assessments
 - Computer assisted seating evaluations
 - Functional assessments
 - Equipment evaluations
 - Referrals for special services such as mental health, chemical dependency, smoking cessation, vocational rehab

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Focus

Commitment to meeting the needs of spinal cord injury and spinal cord disease veterans and their families through:

- ❖ Coordination of care
- ❖ Initial SCI/D exam with six month interval evaluation
- ❖ Patient and family education
- ❖ Assessment of functional abilities and needs
- ❖ Assistance to promote or enhance quality of life

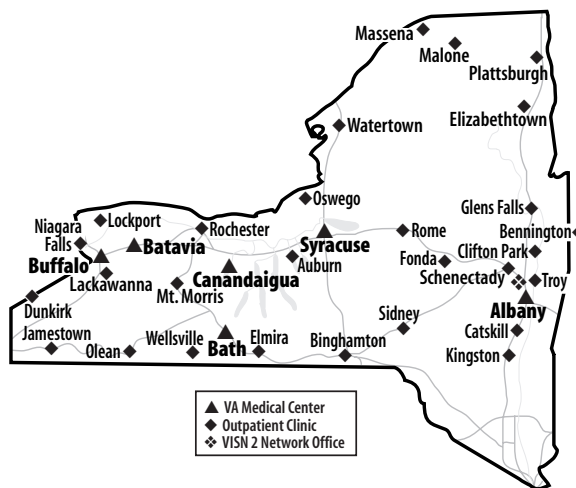


Our team consists of the following:

- ❖ Social Worker Clinic Coordinator
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- ❖ Rehabilitation Physician
- ❖ Nurse Practitioner/Primary Care Provider
- ❖ Urologist
- ❖ Occupational Therapist
- ❖ Physical Therapist
- ❖ Dietitian
- ❖ Pharmacist
- ❖ Service Officer Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association
- ❖ And, of course, You!



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